

How  
Did I  
Get My Bible?

# Inspiration – The Source of the Biblical Writings

# The Meaning of 'The Word of God'

# The Word of God - Jesus

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... <sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

# The Word of God - Direct Speech By God

<sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Genesis 1:3

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<sup>6</sup> By the word of the LORD  
were the heavens made, their  
starry host by the breath of  
his mouth.

Psalm 33:6

# The Word of God – God's Prophetic Word Through Men

<sup>4</sup> The word of the LORD  
came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup>  
"Before I formed you in the  
womb I knew you, before you  
were born I set you apart; I  
appointed you as a prophet to  
the nations."

Jeremiah 1:4-5

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<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD that  
came to Joel son of Pethuel.

Joel 1:1

# The Word of God – Scripture – God’s Written Word

<sup>4</sup> Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel.

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<sup>4</sup> So Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and while Jeremiah dictated all the words the LORD had spoken to him, Baruch wrote them on the scroll.

Jeremiah 36:4



# The Inspiration of Scripture

# Inspiration – God Breathed

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...

2 Timothy 3:16

# Defining Inspiration

By inspiration of Scripture we mean that supernatural influence of the Holy Spirit upon the Scripture writers which rendered their writings an accurate record of the revelation or which resulted in what they wrote actually being the Word of God.

Millard Erickson  
*Christian Theology*, 199

# Scripture – God's Word Through Men

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Mark 12:36

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<sup>7</sup> So, as the Holy Spirit says:  
"Today, if you hear his  
voice..."

Hebrews 3:7  
(quoting Psalm 95:7)

# The Divine and Human Nature of Scripture

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# Human Authors Did Research and Used Other Sources

I myself  
have carefully investigated everything  
from the beginning,

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God Even Used Later Editors

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to this day

Since then, no prophet has  
risen in Israel like Moses

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The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed,"

# Key Points Regarding Inspiration

not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law

# Implications of Inspiration

# The Authority of Scripture

## Scripture Cannot Fail

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my  
words will never pass away.

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If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account.

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# The Truthfulness of Scripture

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The law of the LORD is perfect  
The statutes of  
the LORD are trustworthy

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Great care must be given to learn the literary and historical methods of writing during the times of the biblical authors (literary analysis)

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Great care must be given to the  
process of interpretation  
(hermeneutics)

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Scripture can be inerrant and still speak in the ordinary language of everyday people

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Humility – Scripture is inerrant  
– I am not (nor is my  
interpretation of Scripture)!

Concluding Thoughts